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SUBS [0. Shommer video report; from the "Utro" program

SUBJ New 'Saucer-Like' Aircraft Developed in Saratov

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[Excerpts] [Shommer] If you look out of the window one fine morning and see a flying saucer, do not be surprised. It would seem that it is not so difficult to get into it after all. [video shows Shommer sitting on what appears to be the hatch of large saucer-like structure] There is no need to establish contact with unearthly civilizations or to take precautions against unexpected contacts with aliens. Unexpected things await us on earth. [video shows more shots of structure being worked on by technicians in what appears to be factory assembly shop] It is difficult to imagine that combining the wing and the fuselage and replacing the undercarriage with an air cushion could create a principally new aircraft which needs no airports. It can land on both snowy tundra or on water, and can lift cargoes up to half its own weight, which is 80 times more than modern cargo planes. This unique machine is called EKIP -- ecology and progress [ekologiya i progress] and it is being developed by the Saratov aviation factory. Well, the meeting with a UFO did not take place after all, but nevertheless, today we will discuss unusual, mysterious, and sometimes inexplicable things. [passage on irregularities in distribution of privatization vouchers to residents of Saratov and on a certified shaman omitted] (endall) 261945 [REDACTED] 120402.002 [REDACTED] 04/1229z Feb BT #0738
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